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MINUTES OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS
QUARTERLY ROUNDTABLE MEETING
APRIL 26, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montano called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montano led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Eleanor Montano, Chair
Helen Stathatos, Vice Chair
Frank S. Bacio
Vito Cannella
John A. Hammagren
Carl Moore

Absent

None

Others Present

Commander Detta Roberts, Sheriff's Department
Ronald Hudson, Probation Department
Alan Henry, Community Care Licensing
Carla Carr, Auditor Controller
Jim Corbett, Assistant Chief, Commission Services Division

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

- **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT** — Commander Roberts asked how SBC commissioners liked their recent inspection of Century Regional

Detention Center (CRDF), a new women's jail in Lynwood. CRDF currently houses about 250 inmates and has a maximum capacity of around 2,400. The Sheriff's Department and DMH continue to discuss moving about 400 disturbed male inmates with Level 3 acuity to the North Annex Jail in Castaic. Many state inmates have been moved to less populated jails outside of Los Angeles County, bringing total county inmates down to between 18,200 and 18,400.

- **PROBATION DEPARTMENT** — Mr. Ronald Hudson reported that the Board has appointed Robert Taylor, former County Ombudsman and LAPD Commander, to succeed the late Paul Higa as Chief Probation Officer. Presently, Dave Leone is writing a response to recommendations made for the probation audit. On behalf of Commissioner Cannella and Vice Chair Stathatos, Mr. Hudson will find out if Chief Robert Taylor plans to offer vocational training as part of the probation camp program, and if the program could include a barber school.
- **AUDITOR – CONTROLLER** — Ms. Carla Carr reported that her department continues with its audits. A discussion of specific group homes followed.
- **COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING** — Mr. Alan Henry, LPA, thanked the commission for getting out to the group homes his agency had trouble finding time to inspect. His organization licenses group homes, investigates complaints, and can cite, fine, or revoke licenses of noncompliant homes. To contact Mr. Henry, call 310-568-1808.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported the current balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$712.00. SBC has donated \$250.00 to the Paul Higa Memorial Scholarship Fund.

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Jim Corbett announced that Ms. Sherry Scates resigned from Commission Services on April 5th, 2006.

FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS FROM APRIL 19TH TO 25TH

Hudson-Lindsey Group Home — 57 #3

Chair Montano and Commissioner Bacio visited the site and found no one home.

HB Group Home — 51 #2

Chair Montano and Commissioner Bacio visited the site, an RCL 14 home with capacity of 29. They reviewed the 29 needs and services plans with the director. SBC will return to inspect the facility.

Dangerfield Group Home — 24 #3

After issuing a corrective action report, commissioners Moore and Bacio returned to the site on 4/20/06, and found all items corrected.

Ettie Lee Home — 23 #5

Vice Chair Stathatos reported that this facility is one of several Ettie Lee Homes, many of which are outside Los Angeles County. Over the years, they have consistently improved their facilities. Stathatos found the North Hollywood facility she to be in decent condition. The RCL 12 facility is at capacity with ten boys, ages 16-18. Eight boys come from probation, two from DCFS. The facility has eight full-time and two part-time staff. The boys have an allowance, assigned chores, library cards, a needs and services plan, and are near St. Joseph's Hospital, where they receive regular physicals.

FUTURE FACILITY/GROUP HOME VISITS FOR UPCOMING WEEK

Chair Montano assigned group home visits for the following week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montano adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.